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Purchasing director lifts \$8 million

UMSL Director of Purchasing Herman J. Weeble, Jr. has been indicted by a federal grand jury for embezzling over \$8 million in general operating funds of the university, according to his former boss, John P. Pokey, vice chancellor for Phased Projects.

The grand jury's investigation took less than a week. Weeble, along with four other Big Eight school purchasing directors, was found guilty of channeling the funds and supplies of equal value into foreign banks and warehouses on the East Coast of the United States.

"It's inconceivable to me how anyone could buy \$1.3 million in pencils and paperclips, stash the stuff somewhere in New Jersey, and then fence it off to the highest bidder," Pokey said. "Frankly, the university is stumped as to what to do next. Retain-

ing the lawyers for a big legal battle could be a long, expensive route to go. Anything over \$500 we're supposed to bid out for two weeks. But who knows what they've been doing down there."

Weeble is on the run from American prosecution. International police agents have spotted him in Mexico City, Tegucigalpa, Bogota, and he appears to be heading for Brazil. Extradition proceedings would be impossible if Weeble crosses the Brazilian border because of international law.

The Purchasing Office at UMSL received a phone call from its former director yesterday. Becky Wallstorm, a senior buyer, said that Weeble called collect around 2 p.m., and began taunting the staff he abandoned. UMSL Chief of Police William G. Kareless had the line tapped, and

the following excerpt was given to the press:

Wallstorm: "Herman, where are you?"

Weeble: "Never mind. I just called to see how things were going."

Wallstorm: "Don't you realize how much trouble you're in?"

Weeble: "We Weebles wobble, but we don't fall down."

Gloria Brushes, the assistant director of purchasing, has taken over Weeble's duties until the

The university's own internal investigation is being headed up by UMSL Police Chief William Kareless. "I guess they just got a little careless in their procedures. I just hope this doesn't mess up the bids on the Student Escorts going to the FBI Academy," said Kareless. "There's not a lot we can do until he is picked up by some law enforcement officers. It's not like he's hiding in East St. Louis, you know. But then again, maybe..."

ready for trial.

No one would admit who allowed the fleet-footed Weeble to get a head start, but it seems that Weeble may have been tipped off about his arrest by one of the hired warehouse workers in New Jersey.

The purchasing directors formed an illegal corporation back in 1970, during Weeble's infant year with UMSL. Accordingly, they siphoned off purchase orders for office supplies and "mis-

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—Herman J. Weeble, Jr.

university completes its investigation. Brushes is finding more and more evidence of Weeble's wrongdoings and turning them over to authorities.

"Herman was such a nice guy," Brushes said. "His wife called him at least three times a day and made sure he was at work."

Gloria Pettycash, Weeble's secretary, expressed surprise over the university's discovery. "I worked with the man for 15 years. I find it hard to believe that the man was a mastermind behind anything."

Pokey is unsure how far the embezzling went unchecked. In the meantime the search will continue for Weeble.

Indicted along with Weeble were the purchasing directors of the University of Nebraska, the University of Oklahoma, the University of Kansas, and Kansas State University.

FBI officials said that Hardon D. Phorms (Nebraska), Sharon Phorettes (Oklahoma), Marvin "Chuck" Deyrecords (Kansas), and Milken Coinage (Kansas State) were all in custody and stood

cellaneous equipment" orders under \$500, rerouted the supplies to the warehouse in Paramus, N.J., and resold them to unsuspecting businesses throughout North America.

The money that the group received was sent to a bank account in Zurich, Switzerland. Authorities were able to trace the account when they discovered a world atlas in Weeble's office with Switzerland and its financial center marked with huge red cir-

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Escorts to return with FBI training

The UMSL campus' student escort program will be back again next year according to William Kareless, chief of police. "You'll see some newly trained student escorts next fall. This summer they will be attending the FBI academy up east," said Kareless.

The escort program has been in operation for the past two years at UMSL. It was not until this spring that the escorts actually started escorting. This, according to Student Association President Barb Willess, has brought about the increased training program for next year's staff. "If we are going to actually escort students we want them to know how to do it correctly," Willess said.

The funding for the 10-week training at the FBI academy will come from the Student Activities Budget Committee. The total

cost is expected to run \$150,000 for five student escorts. "By sending five, the university will be getting the group rate with the FBI," Kareless said. "At \$30,000 for each student, it's a real bargain; I just wish we could send some of the campus' police officers," he said.

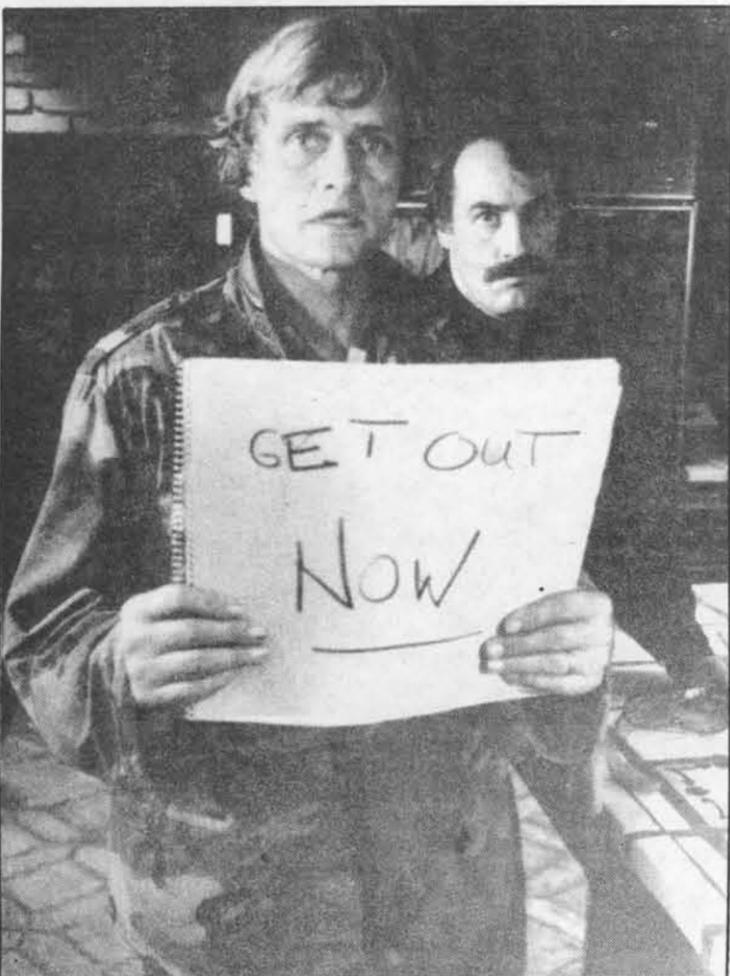
Student Association vice president David Missingfoot was the designer of the training program. "I was at home just trying to think of ways to spend all this money we had to get rid of next year," said Missingfoot.

"The time is now for all good students to come to the aid of women on this campus. Fear not — us men will protect you," said Larry Whines, former Student Association president and all-around BMOC. According to Whines, this is the best and only work that Missingfoot has done all year as vice president. "We

were glad to hear from him. The last time I saw him was after the elections last April," said Whines.

John Pokey, vice chancellor for Phased Projects, said, "I'm glad to see the student government take on projects like this. Hopefully we'll have the bids in on time for the escorts to attend this summer. These things take time you know." Kareless states that the escorts will be selected on merit and that only John Whines, Larry's brother, has been selected to go so far.

The trained escorts would be used to beef up the Secret Service this fall if President Reagan comes to campus. "When President Carter came to campus in 1980, the Secret Service had to fly in extra agents. With the trained escorts they won't have to do it. That's IF the President comes here again; then we'll be ready," said Kareless.



WHEN? UMSL PAC-Man Lance LaRoop offers an encouraging word of advice to UMSL students and faculty facing the current budget crisis.

Snowfall accidents prompt hospital study

An impetus has been given to the recent deliberations on building a hospital on the UMSL university grounds.

The recent unprecedented snowfalls have produced a series of severe accidents on campus, according to a spokeswoman for the small student hospital located on the fifth floor of Woods Hall.

"This is a mini-hospital, equipped to handle minor surgery, with an acute-care psychiatric wing, which has a waiting list of several hundred students," she said.

One particularly traumatic injury to the head occurred when Stu Kenniak had to be extricated from a deep snowdrift, which had piled to a height of 15 feet by the time campus police heard faint cries and observed feet sticking

out from the drift.

Keniak was incoherent when rescued by the combined efforts of campus police, Current staff members on late night assignment, and various custodial officers who had remained on duty to stay for the campus snowball fight. Kenniak was unable to explain how he had landed in the drift, or why.

The hospital emergency room has had to admit numerous cases of frostbite. "If only the students wouldn't try to get up those stairs between Lucas and Clark halls to get to class," said the medical officer in charge, "we wouldn't have to take so many staff off the job to collect these stretcher cases."

Many students have had to have toes amputated, leading to

extreme loss of balance in walking. "They're falling all over the place," the medical officer said.

Due to this unexpected development, a temporary physical therapy department has been set up in the hospital. "We'd rather take care of our own," said the physical therapist, hurriedly hired to handle the emergency.

The hospital's administration staff will apply for emergency funds from the well-endowed Student Activities Budget Committee to fund a permanent physical therapy department. "We're sending Ed Harnes to pick up the check," hospital administrators said.

"We shall have to exercise extreme caution in these cases," they said. "After all, students could fake accidents and we'd have the new department filled

with students too lazy to make it to the weight room in the Mark Twain Building.

We expect a lot of cases when the Fat Trail gets geared up. It's going to cause a lot of confusion too, with students going to class, fighting their way through the crowds making their way to the next exercise station," they added.

Hospital officials are viewing the areas to the east of Woods Hall and the open space between the parking lots and Lucas and Clark halls to be the site of the new full-service UMSL hospital, expected to be completed by summer. It will be built by UMSL students. Those knowing how to heave a ho should report to the campus building commissioner in the General Services Building by April 1 at the latest.

outside

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editorials

Problem calls for tough solution

The Stagnant editorial staff prides itself on being able to accept a tough problem, wrestle with it, and come up with a constructive, concrete solution. Unfortunately, our pride isn't showing with this particular problem.

We're sure that all the students of UMSL are, like us, terribly concerned about it. It's been going on for what seems to be eternity, yet no one has done a thing about it.

What is it that we're talking about?

In a word, it's absurd. At the beginning of the year, we thought this matter would be solved and settled in a matter of perhaps weeks or months. But no, it is still with us. To think that it is still happening a full seven months after the school year started is absolutely absurd.

It's beyond the realm of our imagination to believe that this would still be going on even to this day!

What is it, you ask?

Everyone who reads the Stagnant, or is a student, UMSL staff member, faculty member, administrator or local resident knows what we're talking about. The question is not what is it, but what do we do about it?

The editorial staff here at the Stagnant has been giving this matter a lot of thought for quite some time, and to be perfectly honest, we have no magic solutions. We're sure that the faculty and administration of UMSL have been considering the matter as well.

So why has no one come up with a viable solution to this problem?

We can think of several reasons:

1. Time. Solving this problem is going to take longer than anyone is going to be at UMSL, and few of us are willing to take on a task which we will never see completed.

2. The time constraint also means that whoever attempts to solve the problem must have an unbelievable amount of patience. Few of us can claim to be patient when working on a project that may be halted for months or even years at a time with no possibility of continuing in sight.

3. And of course the most obvious barrier to a solution is money. The nature of the problem itself necessitates a very long and very expensive plan for solving it. The problem is of such immense proportions that making the solution plan is itself an

activity that could take years, and possibly millions of dollars.

Facing these barriers, it is clear why no one has made any serious attempt to solve the problem. What we find disturbing is that no one has made even a not-so-serious attempt.

The severity of this matter seems to fluctuate over time. It appears to be cyclical, going through the full cycle from being most severe to least severe and back to most severe every four to 20 years or so. Perhaps we are at the stage of greatest severity — and that means that things won't be getting much worse.

For lack of a better solution, maybe we should just wait for things to get better. After all, if it can't get any worse, it must get better, right?



Astrophysics and research professor Waldo Entwickle seems to have solved the perplexities concerning the administration building by his discovery of a black hole near the center of Woods Hall.

Papa Gander looks at world today

Every time I think about what this world is coming to, my blood boils! The just and upright are being threatened by many outside forces. The most ominous and obvious menace comes from that godless nation on the other side of the world: the USSR.

Ever since they took Czechoslovakia and Hungary, those Commies have tried to extend their power and dominance through out the world. Even today, these power-mad invaders exert their military superiority over weaker nations such as Afghanistan and Poland. (What the hell do they want with Poland, anyway? Surely the Russians have enough people back in that mother country to change their own light bulbs.) But the worst part of the global situation is this country's sorry response to the aforementioned menace.

Personally, I think we ought to get our Marines out of Lebanon and send 'em over to Afghanistan to blow the heads off of every one of those Bolshevik bastards. But will those idiots in Congress allow that? Of course not. They'd rather have our boys fighting against those Hindus over in Lebanon. Why the hell do we want to save those Syrians, anyway? The only thing

they're good for is the natural oil their bodies produce from fighting all day.

I've heard from a reliable source that we're trying to make Afghanistan into a Vietnam-like war for the Russians. If that's true, I don't think we're doing a very good job of it. After all, we never hear of any long-haired Russian youths protesting and singing "Where Have All the Ubetoks Gone?" or "Blowin in the Betep." No siree. Peter, Paul and Olga would get a one-way ticket to Siberia if they did.

What our country needs is more unity and less dissension. According to an insider, Jane Fonda and numerous others (I have a list of them somewhere); are Commie sympathizers planted here to degrade our wonderful nation. These pinkos ought to be deported to Cleveland where America sends the rest of its garbage. We all know that Jane Fonda and the Moscow Daily News have at least this in common: Both are communist rags!

It's good to live in a country where I can speak my mind. Yessiree, in spite of the liberals and fanatics, this is still the greatest country in the world. My fellow Americans (excluding liberals, pinkos, scum, and all you other degenerates), I love you all!

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features/arts

De Grobmille to start film company

The University Imitators and Members of the 1983-84 Stagnant staff have been chosen to star in the remake of Alan Aladdin's 1954 film "This Pen for Hire," according to Arnold B. De Grobmille, UMSL chancellor and film producer.

De Grobmille, who is also president of University-Intramural Pictures, the University of Missouri system's new film company, said the film will give students a chance to do something important for themselves, their school and their city.

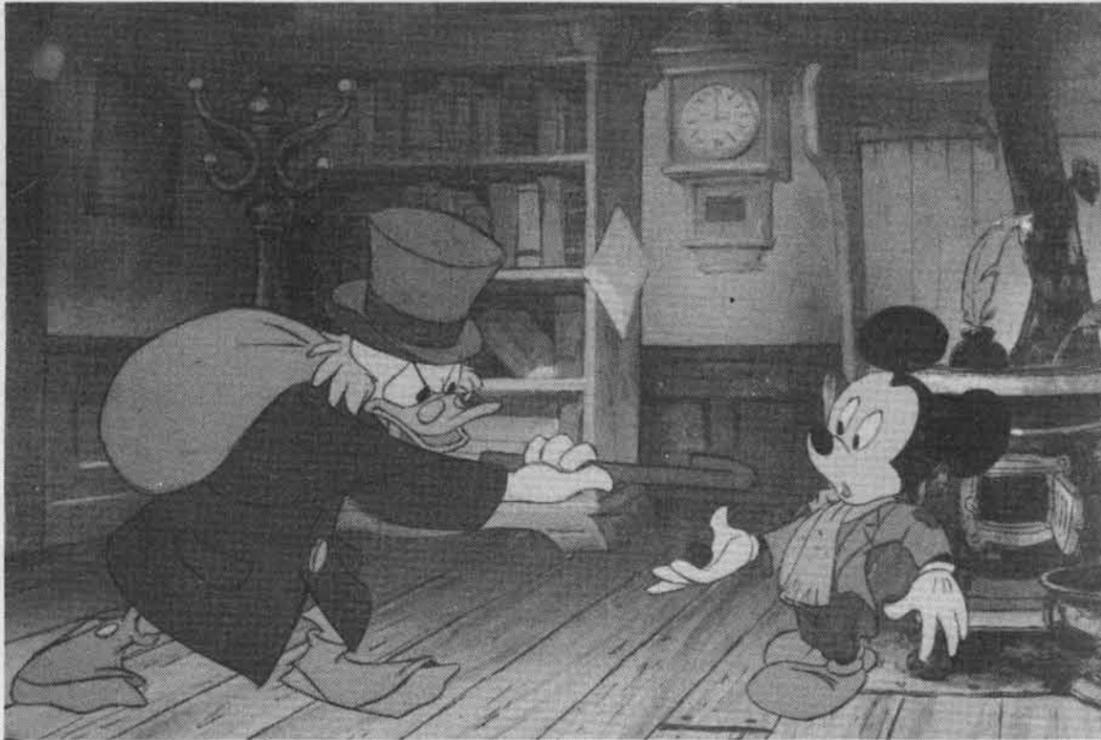
"By participating in this film," he said, "our students can do something really exciting that will draw attention to themselves, their school and their city instead of just sitting in class every day taking notes."

De Grobmille said he hopes the film will get people to recognize St. Louis as "a jolly good place to make films."

"I got the idea for a film one afternoon while having a spot of tea with Jamie O. (James C. De Olmille, UMSL president and U-I executive producer and vice president), one afternoon," he said.

"We were talking about the days when we used to go to the flicks (movies) with our dates which didn't taste too good so we switched to eating raisins, then to plum pudding, and finally we began eating popcorn like everyone else. It was a might neater, wot."

"Anyway, we were reminiscing



GET IT RIGHT!: UMSL Chancellor and film mogul Arnold B. DeGrobmille scolds thespian Joe "Rat" Kuffurur for messing up on the thirty-fourth take.

about nickelodeons, westerns and vaudeville when it struck me that St. Louis could be famous for something again," he said. "Jamie and I batted about a few possibilities and came up with flicks. We both thought it was a smashing good idea and decided to get cracking on it right away."

De Grobmille said that he and

De Olmille decided the best way to achieve their goal of getting notoriety for the city would be to form their own film company.

"We had no trouble getting our idea past the Board of Curators," De Olmille said. "They thought it was pretty smashing themselves and gave us funds to get rolling."

De Olmille said they also got money from the deans of student affairs on all four campuses. That way, he said, they would not harm student programs or have to raise tuition because money was taken from student activities fees.

"This project is our baby and I say, old boy, we're going to raise

it ourselves, wot!" De Olmille said.

"This film will be the greatest thing that's happened to St. Louis since "Escape from New York, Say Amen Somebody, the Miss Universe Pageant and St. Louis Rib," he said.

"This Pen for Hire," the two said, is an espionage-murder story about a Soviet spy who masquerades as a college food critic at small Midwestern university in order to brainwash the student population by writing bad food reviews (and reviews about bad food), of what is being served in the school's cafeteria.

The film will be shot entirely on location in the Subterranean cafeteria and other parts of the UMSL campus in June," De Grobmille said.

"We chose the U. Imitators and the Stagnant people for the film," he said, "because it was obvious we needed actors and also we wanted to add a bit of realism by using genuine newspaper blokes, and those two groups are the closest things we have to either. They're also used to working for cheap, so that works out OK."

A 25 cent disposable ball-point pen will be cast in the title role, he said.

De Grobmille said that all UM students will have a chance to participate in upcoming U-I films regardless of whether they belong to a campus organization or have any writing or acting ability.

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UMSL student Reginald Bishop's life can be summed up in one word — chess.

"Chess is my life," said Bishop. "I live, eat, sleep and breathe chess."

Bishop is a junior here at UMSL majoring in an interdisciplinary program of chess studies. He is also the newly elected president of the UMSL Chess League.

"I particularly enjoy the chess opportunities here," Bishop said. "UMSL is perhaps one of the strongest chess studies schools in the nation."

Bishop said that there are a number of interesting and challenging chess courses, once you get past the Elementary Chess 101 course.

"There's Psychology of Chess and Chess in Modern Society. And then, of course, there's Statistical Methods of Chess and the Anthropology of Chess. I hear the English department is thinking about offering a 300-level course, Chess in the Age of Dryden and Pope."

Bishop said he became interested in the game soon after he

was born in Queens, New York. "I loved the game even then," he said, "but some of the moves were a bit complicated for my one-week old mind."

Bishop learned quickly, though, developing enough skill to reach the Grand Master ranking at the precocious age of three.

"Chess was always in my home," he said. "My parents encouraged me, perhaps too much. While all the other kids on the block were playing baseball or football, I was practicing my chess."

Bishop discounted other strategy games like checkers, Risk, or Master-Mind as being inferior to chess. "It's the difference between day and Knight," he said.

He has no particular plans for the future, but said he hopes for a position with independence and authority. "I wouldn't want to be a pawn in the corporate machine," he said.

Marriage, though, is definitely in his future, although he said he spends too much time playing chess to have any prospects now. "But someday," he said, "My queen will come."

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REALLY MAD: Professor Joyce Muchraving and her entourage storm into a recent meeting of the College Republicans.

Paper procured by publishing pirate

The UMSL Stagnant has been sold to Australian publishing magnate Rupert Nurdoch by the dean of student affairs at UMSL, Howe S. (Loamy) MacBean.

Nurdoch reportedly paid very little for the paper's publishing rights, and beat other bid speculators in submitting his sealed bid by using information he bought from former Purchasing Director Herman J. Weeble, Jr.

"I'm really thrilled about this," MacBean said. "Mr. Nurdoch has promised that we'll get at least two issues of the Stagnant every week, which is something that I've been after for a long time."

Dan Wafflewhiffer, MacBean's assistant, said that the sale has been approved by John P. Pokey, vice-chancellor for phased projects, and that Nurdoch is assuming operations in the fall.

"Basically, Nurdoch's going to run the show for UMSL," Wafflewhiffer said. "It's sort of a protective agreement. I'm glad. For

once, there may be something to read in the student newspaper. Usually, it's as dry as chalk, so I'm looking forward to a change."

Nurdoch owns more than 90 newspaper operations around the globe. His acquisition, the Stagnant, is significant in that it is the first college newspaper that he has been able to purchase with relative ease.

Hates Slander, the director of business affairs/advertising sales for the student paper, said that he is optimistic that the student staff will retain most of the control over the paper.

"I'm sure that Nurdoch will be much too busy to stay up late on Tuesday nights, our night of production," Slander said. "And with all that money, we'll be able to project our loss leaders early in the year. Plus we'll have the ability to expand our software at will. It should be exciting."

Nurdoch himself was unavailable for comment.

Weeble

from the first page

cles. That same atlas also held a road map of New Jersey with Paramus clearly marked on it.

Crimefighters zeroed in on the suspected warehouse and got Ramone Forklifto, a warehouse worker, to turn state's evidence. Forklifto raised his chances for early parole by cooperating.

UMSL athletic director named commissioner

UMSL Athletic Director Chuck Jones, who has served the school since its inception, was named today to replace retiring Commissioner of Baseball Bowie Kuhn.

Jones' appointment overturns earlier speculation that Peter Ueberoth, who is the principal organizer behind the 1984 Summer Olympic Games, would take the job in November, when lame duck Kuhn would vacate his office.

Jones, speaking from his familiar office at the Sam Clemens Gymnasium, said that he was justifiably proud to have gotten the job.

"Hey, let's face it," Jones said. "I've scheduled basketball games with Division I schools. I've wooed state legislators into building a soccer stadium bigger than Flea's Knees, Wyo. And I hired Crank Liverito to handle our sports information and promotion. And Liverito is, quite simply, a promotional genius."

Jones is leaving a sports program that he personally began 20 years ago. He has taken the men's basketball team and gotten them Division I status. The women's basketball team enjoyed thrashing Old Dominion's rear end this year. The entire men's soccer squad was used to form the new Toronto Toques of the Major Indoor Soccer league.

Along with his reputation, Jones is taking the services of

Weeble's wife, talking to reporters, said that she'd heard from him.

"He called from El Paso about a week ago," she said. "He said he wasn't at work and wasn't going back. He said that he was going out for a long run."

Weeble, a noted jogging enthusiast, has been jogging ever since.

Liverito, who will now handle all the commissioner's press relations.

"The public's perception of our national pastime is always something that I've wanted to tinker with," Liverito said. "I can't wait to start firing off denials of drug usage over my TeleCopier."

Both Jones and Liverito have adamantly refused to OK the deal by which Missouri State Sen. Edwin L. Dirt, (D-St. Ann) would become the partner of New York Yankees' owner George Steinbrenner.

"One has the fiscal mental grasp of a cocker spaniel," Jones said, "and the other has the flexibility of granite. That combination would cause our office more grief than what's displayed at your average Italian-American funeral."

Liverito echoed Jones' sentiments. "I'd rather be involved in a train derailment," he said.

Jones and Liverito are planning to leave for New York City in September so that the transition can be carried out smoothly. They plan to feature more inter-league play between the National and American League, aside from the annual All-Star game and the World Series.

"There's big TV bucks in that," Liverito explained. "Those Merchandisers will go crazy for thirty-second spots. It will be very good for the game."

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